

Amendments to Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Previously Presented) A printing method for locating tabs during a print job having multiple output sets, each said set including a plurality of sheets of tabbed ordered media having a repetitive sequence and a plurality of other sheets of media, the method comprising printing the print job, said printing including the steps of:

selecting from multiple tab layout templates each having a bank of tabbed stock;

loading a tab layout template to a list of tabbed ordered media having individual entries identifying each of the tabbed ordered media of said bank;

generating a new tab entry in a tab creator by cycling through a said entries on said list wherein each entry is designated an active tab or an inactive tab such that said active tab location has a page number and said inactive tab location does not have a page number;

balancing said active tabs for referencing said tab layout template;

feeding said of tabbed ordered media into a media path through the printer to an output destination at designated tab locations;

determining if each of said of tabbed ordered media have been delivered to said output destination and discarding inactive tabs;

setting for every entry in tab layout template to a next said entry in said sheet list responsive to each said determining that a respective one of said of tabbed ordered media has been delivered; and

repeating said loading, iterating, balancing, feeding, determining, discarding and setting steps for each of said output sets in full banks such that if there are entries in a bank not assigned to the table that a blank is entered into the table for the rest of the tab entries in that bank of tabs.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
storing a template of banks of tabs;
storing a name identifying each template; and
storing a position of each tab in each bank of tabs relative to the reference location of a document.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of generating an inactive tab entry where the tab creator detects a blank line.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising a step of selecting a style for a text on a tab comprising selecting a type of font and a size of font for the text.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of balancing the tabs comprises evenly spacing the active tabs relative to the reference edge of the document.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of discarding the unused tabs comprises sending the unused tabs to a purge exit in a printer.

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